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SUBJECT : COMMENTS ON U.S. VETO OF MOTION TO OUST SOUTH AFRICA
FROM UN

1. AT RECEPTION AT STATE HOUSE NOVEMBER 11 IN HONOR KING MOSHOESHOE II OF LESOTHO WHO ARRIVED EARLIER IN DAY, LESOTHO FONMIN J.R.L. KOTSOKOANE SAID HE DISAPPOINTED BY U.S. VETO OF MOTION TO OUST SOUTHAFRICA FROM UN. SIMILAR CRITICISMS MADE TO ME AT SAME PARTY BY CHARGE D' AFFAIRES OF NIGERIA AND OF ZAMBIA.

2. HEART OF CRITICISM IS CONCERN THAT U.S. VETO IMPLIES U.S. CONDONES APARTHEID AND STATUS QUO IN SOUTH AFRICA.
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ANOTHER ASPECT OF CRITICISM IS WORRY THAT U.S. WILL NOW VETO SUCH

MOTION EVERY TIME IT ARISES AT UN, THAT IS THAT U.S. IS PREPARED
TO ACCEPT INDEFINITELY SOUTH AFRICAN VIOLATIONS PRINCIPLES

AND SPIRIT ON WHICH UN FOUNDED. EMPHATICALLY ASSURED FONMIN
AND CHARGES THAT THEY WRONG ON BOTH COUNTS. SAID U.S. SPOKES-
MEN AT UN AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM DURING CURRENT TRIP
IN AFRICA HAVE EMPHASIZED U.S. ABHORRENCE OF APARTHEID AND U.S.
HOPES FOR CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA. NOTED VETO ONLY PROVIDED
TIME FOR CHANGE BY SOUTH AFRICA. U.S. POSITION ON THIS ISSUE
WOULD BE REVIEWED PERIODICALLY. CONCLUDED REVIEW OF U.S. VIEWS
THIS MATTER WITH COMMENT THAT DECISION TO USE FORCE IN SOUTH
AFRICA TO BRING CHANGE IS NOT STEP TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY. ALL
AGREED.

3. COMMENT: FELT THERE WAS GRUDGING ACCEPTANCE BY THESE
CRITICS TO PERMIT ONE MORE TRY TO GET SOUTH AFRICA TO INITIATE
CHANGE PEACEFULLY. PATIENCE THESE MEN, HOWEVER, IS LIMITED.
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